# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:436
ANSWERED ON:22.08.2001
NATIONAL AIDS CONTROL ORGANISATION
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether there has been wide variations in the figures released time to time by the National AIDS Control Organisation (NACO), Government of India and International Agencies regarding AIDS/HIV infection in India;

(b) if so, the extent of variation in the figures alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) the actual number of AIDS/HIV infected people in India during the year 1999-2000;

(d) whether the incidence of HIV is increasing; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 436 FOR 22.8.2001

(a) to (e) National AIDS Control Organisation is conducting annual rounds of HIV sentinel surveillance in designated sentinel sites, with the objective to monitor the progress of HIV epidemic in the country. The last round of HIV sentinel surveillance was conducted during August-October 2000 in 232 sentinel sites. Based on the results of this round and pre-determined assumptions, an estimate of 3.86 million HIV infections as in year 2000 was worked out. The estimated number of HIV infections in 1998 was 3.5 million while in 1999, it was 3.7 million infections. These estimates are acceptable to all international agencies including UNAIDS and WHO and there is no difference of opinion on these figures.

The HIV sentinel surveillance rounds conducted during 1998, 1999 and 2000 indicate that there is no upsurge in spread of HIV infections.